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Revised S/TF Exploitation Requirements for [REDACTED] on Soviet Foreign Trade

It is requested that Soviet and Satellite commercial, economic, and political journals, newspapers, and monographs be exploited for the following types of information on Soviet foreign trade:

A. Soviet Economic and Trading Relations with the Bloc

1. Trade, credit, technical aid, and other agreements with Bloc countries;
2. Financial dealings with and in behalf of other Bloc nations;
3. Discussions by Soviet and Satellite officials of the nature of Soviet-Satellite economic relations, and changes occurring in these relations;
4. Evidence of Soviet participation in intra-Bloc specialization, coordination, sub-contracting, and other aspects of Bloc economic integration and inter-dependence;
5. Evidence of degree of past and present Soviet control over Bloc economic activity and mechanism for this control;
6. Activities and functions of such intra-Bloc organs as CEMA.

B. Soviet Trade and Foreign Economic Policies

1. Analyses of Soviet foreign economic, including trade, policies by Soviet and other Bloc economists, industrialists, political writers;
2. Speeches, writings, and other expositions by Soviet government and Party officials dealing with foreign trade and foreign economic policies;
3. Government decrees, programs, Plans, and regulations dealing with trade and trade policies.

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C. Magnitudes of Soviet Foreign Trade

1. The actual or planned value, volume, and overall commodity composition of total Soviet trade with the Bloc; with the West; and with the world, for quarterly, semi-annual, yearly, or long-term periods, in monetary, physical, or percentage terms.
2. The magnitude of Soviet trade with each Bloc country, in the same terms as 1. above.

D. Soviet International Financial Activities

Information on overseas holdings and investments; gold and foreign exchange reserves; gold and precious metals sales; foreign exchange rates; foreign trade prices and pricing mechanisms.

E. Soviet Foreign Trade Organization

1. The planning of foreign trade within the USSR--its extent, methods, procedures, and organs involved;
2. Evidence of changes in organization, functions, operations, or top personnel of Ministry of Foreign Trade, GUES, foreign trade monopolies, and other foreign trade organs.
3. The relationship of the Foreign Trade Ministry to producing organs (ministries and councils).

F. Soviet Gold Production and Reserves

Information on Soviet gold production and reserves, planned or actual ; and details of the mining and processing of gold.

A, B, C, and D above are most pertinent to the Fiscal 1958 ORR research program on Soviet Foreign trade. E and F are subjects for which the Trade Branch has continuing responsibility.

The responsible analysts are available for answering questions about or elaborating the above requirements.

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